









MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
The P. and O. steamer *Ganges*, with the next English mail, left Singapore at 10 a.m. on the 16th, and is due here on the 22nd inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. and O. steamer *Gaslie*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 16th December, and is due here on the 21st instant.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—Per *Kowloon*, to-day, the 18th instant, at 5 p.m.  
For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Sunida Maru*, to-morrow, the 19th instant, at 3.30 p.m.  
For Saigon.—Per *Bellona*, to-morrow, the 19th instant, at 8.30 p.m.

For Manila.—Per *Manila*, on Saturday, 19th instant, at 4.30 P.M.  
For Nagasaki and Yokohama.—Per *Sumoto*, on Friday, the 26th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

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**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.**  
THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in close  
Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—  
*Day of Departure.*  
Noon.—Money Order Office closes.  
2.00 p.m.—Registry of Letters closes. Pri-  
vate of all printed matter and patterns closes.  
3.00 p.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.  
3.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with late

of 10 cents until  
2.30 p.m.—when the Post Office closes entirely  
3.40 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted on box  
the market with late fee of 10 cents, until  
time of departure.

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THE FRENCH MAIL.

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

Time of Departure.

7 A.M. Post Office opens.

10 A.M. Registrar of Letters closes. Postings

all printed matter and matter in cases.

11 A.M. Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

11.30 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until

11.30 A.M. when the Post Office closes entirely.

12.40 A.M. Late Letters may be posted on box the next morning with Late Fee of 10 Cents and time of departure.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET**  
The British Contract Packet "ROM" will be despatched on **TUESDAY**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Envelope *Printed*, to the Stra Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India

Aden, Bombay, Malta, and Gibraltar.  
**N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for  
 Australasian Colonies.**  
 The usual hours will be observed in close  
 the Mails, &c.

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**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET**  
 The French Contract Packet "GEXIS"

The usual hours will be observed in places

the Mail, &c.

**MONEY TITERS.**

Public attention is called to the following extract from the Hongkong Postal Guide, Paragraph 60:—

"The Post Office declines all responsibility for undelivered letters containing Bank Notes."

WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged loss of such letters."

Flores of letters are sometimes received at Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box fastened with sealing wax, but there is no

The attention of boxholders is called to necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a check or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached Post Office: the omission of the former, a

whether part of them might not have been  
 strated for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL.  
 SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to  
 United States by a sailing ship which is not

titled as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, "mar" with the name of the ship, and pay 10 cent per half ounce as usual. The Post Office undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of arrivals and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted at least one day before the date fixed for sail.

No responsibility can be accepted by the Post Office for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries or to notes addressed to subordinate officers. The clerks should be told off to sell stamps should enquiries not be regarded as able to give correct information. The Postal Guide alone is the standard.

Letters, per 1000	10 Cts
Post Cards, each	3 Cts
Books, Patterns, and Commercial	2 Cts
Papers, per 1000	10 Cts

News-papers & Prices Current, each ..... 70 Cts  
Registration ..... 15 Cts  
Do. with return receipt ..... 15 Cts  
Commercial papers, signify such papers  
though written by hand, do not bear the character  
of an actual or personal correspondence, such  
as invoices, deeds, capital music, &c. The charge  
is the same as for Books, but all packages of  
papers, for weight, must be paid for by the  
owner.

Under the name of the "Coptic" or "Egyptian" people, the ancient Egyptians were known to the Greeks and Romans.



